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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

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1. ON JANUARY 14 AMBASSADOR BENNETT, ACCOMPANIED BY AMB. MYERSON, APPROACHED SYG WALDHEIM PURSUANT TO REFTTEL. AMBASSADOR BENNETT EXPLAINED THE US VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) EMPHASIZING (A) REMAINING PROBLEMS IN REACHING THE TARGET OF \$1 BILLION AND (B) THE CRUCIAL SERIES OF MEETINGS LATER THIS MONTH (EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS JANUARY 19-20; OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS JANUARY 26; THE THIRD MEETING OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26).

2. AMB BENNETT PUT THE IFAD QUESTION IN PERSPECTIVE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: THE CONTINUING NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS; AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
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ASSURING THAT THE \$200 MILLION US CONTINGENT OFFER CALLS

FORTH NECESSARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OECD AND PARTICULARLY
OPEC COUNTRIES.

3. WALDHEIM REACTED POSITIVELY.HE HAD DISCUSSED THE
PROBLEM WITH DR. HANNAH LAST WEEK. HE RECOGNIZED THAT WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS GAVE THE
SYG A KEY ROLE IN THE MATTER. WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY
CONSIDER WITH HIS STAFF HOW BEST TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM.
PERHAPS HE WOULD SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES TO OECD AND OPEC
MINISTERS. HE ASKED THAT WE CONVEY TO WASHINGTON HIS PERSONAL
APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS TO BRING IFAD INTO BEING,
INCLUDING OUR OFFER OF A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.
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